

## Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John McLachlin [McLochlin, McLocklin] VAS1915 16

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[Methodology: Spelling, punctuation and/or grammar have been corrected in some instances for ease of reading and to facilitate searches of the database. Where the meaning is not compromised by adhering to the spelling, punctuation or grammar, no change has been made. Corrections or additional notes have been inserted within brackets or footnotes. Blanks appearing in the transcripts reflect blanks in the original. A bracketed question mark indicates that the word or words preceding it represent(s) a guess by me. The word 'illegible' or 'indcipherable' appearing in brackets indicates that at the time I made the transcription, I was unable to decipher the word or phrase in question. Only materials pertinent to the military service of the veteran and to contemporary events have been transcribed. Affidavits that provide additional information on these events are included and genealogical information is abstracted, while standard, 'boilerplate' affidavits and attestations related solely to the application, and later nineteenth and twentieth century research requests for information have been omitted. I use speech recognition software to make all my transcriptions. Such software misinterprets my southern accent with unfortunate regularity and my poor proofreading skills fail to catch all misinterpretations. Also, dates or numbers which the software treats as numerals rather than words are not corrected: for example, the software transcribes "the eighth of June one thousand eighty six" as "the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 1786." Please call material errors or omissions to my attention.]

[From [Digital Library of Virginia](#)] Mecklenburg County Legislative Petitions

To the honorable the Speaker and Members of the General Assembly of Virginia –  
The petition of John McLachlin humbly sheweth,

That, early in the year 1777, he enlisted, as a Soldier, in the service of the United States for three years, under Capt. Lewis Burwell of Mecklenburg County. That he served the said term of three years in the second Virginia State Regiment, and at the expiration thereof obtained his discharge, at Williamsburg, signed by Col. William Brent; under which discharge he obtained a Bounty in Lands for the full of said Service, as by the Certificate of the Register of the Land Office, Mr. Charles Lewis, he trust will sufficiently appear. That by some or other accident he lost or mislaid his said discharge, by which misfortune he has as yet been deprived of the benefit of his Depreciation on pay, which he is justly entitled to, having received the same an amount of a certain Ellis Johnson,<sup>1</sup> who served with him the full time, as he hopes, will fully appear by the Certificates of Isaac Holmes,<sup>2</sup> Lieut. of the Regiment in which they both were Soldiers, John Carter's Certificate, Clerk of the Auditor's Office, he believes will satisfactory show, that he the said McLachlin has received no Certificate there from for his Depreciation on pay. Other Certificates (viz.) Charles Dabney's,<sup>3</sup> Lt. Col.; Capt. Lewis Burwell's and Alexander Elam's, accompanying this petition, he hopes will indubitably prove his Services, and the justice of his Claim. His prayer therefore is, that your honorable Body will take his Case into your consideration, and render him his further Compensation for his toils under the Causes of Liberty, to which, upon the faith of your previous Assurances, he must conceive himself justly entitled.

[Reverse]

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<sup>1</sup> [Ellis Johnson W7941](#)

<sup>2</sup> [Is. \(Isaac or James\) Holmes VAS1583](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Charles Dabney R13624](#)

McLachlin's Petition  
24 November 95  
Claims  
Reasonable  
Report made out

Mecklenburg February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1794

I hereby Certify that sometime about the last of the year 1776 or beginning of 1777 I was appointed by the Committee of the County a Captain in one of the six Regiments which were to complete the Virginia quota of fifteen: that after various attempts to raise the men the Company could not be completed but by draft which took place in September of the year 1777. That soon after my appointment I enlisted John McLocklin [sic] the person mentioned in the deposition of Alexander Elam and the said Elam as Soldiers to serve for the term of three years. That by an order from the Executive in the last of April or first of May, I marched the men I had enlisted to Williamsburg among which numbers were the two men mentioned above, that I then applied for a Commission but was told I had not completed my quota I must return to the Country & make them up, this I did, but from an aversion which the young man had taken to the Service the Company was not made up till the time above mentioned, that I then returned to Williamsburg with the remainder of the troops but finding that a part of my men had been taken to make up Companies for other officers who had not enlisted there Complements & they put into commission I resigned & joined the Militia then in Service. I further declare that I have every reason to believe that the said McLocklin served faithfully his time for which he was enlisted as I perfectly remember his and Elam's calling on me on their return from the Service & they both showed me their discharges, Signed by Col. William Brent. Elam's discharge is now before me dated the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 1780 which I verily believed to be the date of the other McLocklin was afterwards in the Militia Service but not being under my Command I can testify nothing as to that. Given under my hand the day above written

S/ Lewis Burwell



I Alexander Elam of the County of Mecklenburg & State of Virginia aged 32 years & some months being first sworn do declare that on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March in the year 1777 he the said Elam enlisted as a Soldier under Lewis Burwell of the County aforesaid who had accepted the appointment of a Capt. in the Continental Service that this deponent was informed that the Company was afterwards taken into the State Service, but was afterwards sent to the Northward under the Command of Col. Gregory Smith, William Brent afterwards Col. Brent was then the Major to the Regiment, that the said Elam served his three years for which he has received his certificates & has a copy of his discharge signed by J Pendleton, Auditor, to show the truth of

what is here asserted. The original discharge Signed by Col. William Brent being as he supposes lodged in the public office. The said Elam further declares that John McLocklin [sic] was also enlisted by said Capt. Burwell nearly about the same time & served his three years that the said Elam cannot be mistaken as he the said Elam & McLocklin continued in one mess the whole time & obtained their discharges at Williamsburg signed by Col. Brent at the same moment or as nearly so as could be said Elam further says that he & McLocklin returned to the County of Mecklenburg together & on their way home called on said Burwell then the county Lieut. of the said County to whom they showed their discharges but by what means McLocklin lost his, this deponent does not know & further this deponent saith not. Sworn to this 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1794 Sworn to before me

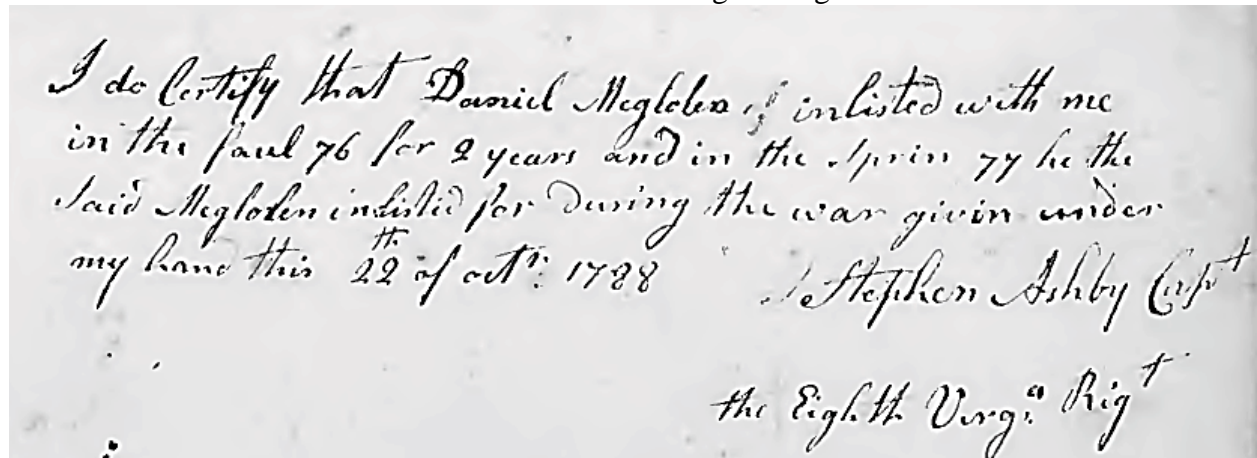
S/ Lewis Burwell

S/ Alexr Elam

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alexr Elam". Above the signature, there is a faint date "Feb 22 1794".

I do Certify that Daniel Mcglolen<sup>4</sup> enlisted with me in the fall [fall] '76 for 2 years and in the spring 77 he the said Mcglolin enlisted for during the war given under my hand this 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 1788

S/ Stephen Ashby, Capt.  
the 8<sup>th</sup> Virginia Rigt.

A handwritten document in cursive script. The text reads: "I do Certify that Daniel Mcglolen of enlisted with me in the fall 76 for 2 years and in the Spring 77 he the said Mcglolen enlisted for during the war given under my hand this 22<sup>th</sup> of Oct: 1788". The signature "Stephen Ashby Capt" is written to the right, with "the Eight<sup>th</sup> Virgi<sup>a</sup> Rigt" written below it.

Aud: Office [Auditor's Office]

26 November '90

It does not appear by the books in this office that the within named Daniel Mcglolin has received his pay & Depreciation as a Soldier

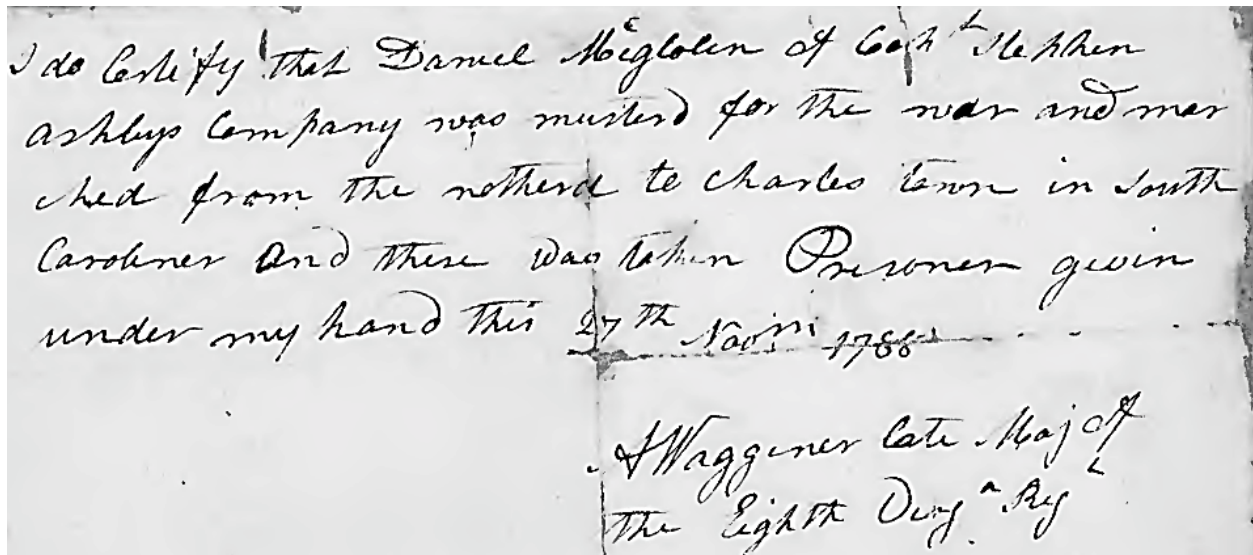
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<sup>4</sup> I could not identify a likely candidate for this veteran. Nor could I determine why the papers relating to him were in this file.

S/ J. Carter

I do Certify that Daniel Mcglolen of Capt. Stephen Ashby's Company was mustered for the war and marched from the notherd [northward] to Charles Town in South Carolina and there was taken Prisoner. Given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> of November 1788

S/ A. Waggener late Major [Andrew Waggener]  
the Eighth Virga Regt.



I do Certify that Daniel Mcglolen of Capt. Stephen Ashby's Company was mustered for the war and marched from the notherd to Charles town in South Carolina and there was taken Prisoner given under my hand this 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1788

A. Waggener late Major  
The Eighth Virga Regt.

I do hereby certify that John McLochlin [sic] a Soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment served 3 years the full term for which he was enlisted.

Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1789

(Signed) S/ Is Holmes Lt. 2. V. S. R. [Isaac Holmes]

A copy of the original lodged in the Council office to obtain a land bounty

Attest S/ Saml. Coleman, A. C. C.

Not entitled

S/ J. Carter

Aud: Off 7 Nov. 92

J Howell

[Reverse]

John McLochlin

The State of Virginia has not charged for the Depreciation on Pay said to be due John McLochlin  
March 19<sup>th</sup>, 1793

This man does not appear in Service long enough to justify an allowance of depreciation.  
S/ J. Howell

I do certify that Ellis Johnson a Soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment served 3 years the term for which he was enlisted.

Given under my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1789

S/ Is. Holmes [Isaac Holmes]

N. B. John McLochlin and Ellis Johnson were discharged I think in May 1780

S/ J H

The State of Virginia has charged depreciation for Ellis Johnson nothing further due.

S/ J. Howell

I recollect that John McLocklin was a soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment, but do not know how long he served: The above Certificate I believe to have been written by Mr. Isaac Holmes Lieut. in said Regiment.

S/ Charles Dabney Lt. Col.

A Copy the original being left in the office of the Executive to obtain a Bounty in Land

Attest

S/ Saml. Coleman, A. C. C.

I do hereby assign over all my Right in title & Interest of the within three years Service to John McLocklin for value received of him as witness my hand this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1789

S/ Ellis Johnston, X his Mark<sup>5</sup>

Testis

S/ Oliver Hope [?]

The above is a copy of an Endorsation [sic] on the original of the within Certificate filed

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<sup>5</sup> The image of the original of this document is posted at [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#) under the name "Johnson, Ellis" and appears thusly:

The image shows a snippet of a handwritten document in cursive. The text is partially obscured by a dark, irregular shape, likely a stamp or a large mark. The visible text includes the name "Oliver Hope" and the year "1789". The handwriting is somewhat faded and difficult to read in places.

in the office of the Executive to obtain a Bounty in Land.

Attest

S/ Saml. Coleman, A. C. C.

It appears from the state Register in this Office that Mr. Pettus drew a mil's Certificate in the name of Ellis Johnson for a 54 pounds 7/ on the 8 December '85

Aud's Office

29 Nov. 1791

S/ J. Pendleton

I do Certify that John McLocklin on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1789 Obtained a Land Office Military Warrant No. 4461 from the Registers Office of the State of Virginia as a Soldier in the Virginia State line for 3 years service.

S/ Wm Price, Clerk L. Off.

for

Charles Lewis, Re.

Hanover December 12<sup>th</sup> 1794

I do certify, that I recollect that John McLochlin was a Soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virginia State Regiment but cannot say with certainty when he was discharged – from his papers I have no doubt but he served 3 years, the term for which he was enlisted.

S/ Cha. Dabney Lt Col.

2<sup>nd</sup> V. State Regimt.

*Hanover Dec: 12<sup>th</sup> 1794*

*I do certify, that I recollect that John  
McLochlin was a Soldier in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virgi-  
nia State Regimt. but cannot say with  
certainty when he was discharged –  
from his papers I have no doubt <sup>but</sup> ~~that~~  
he served three years, the term for which  
he was enlisted.*

*Chas Dabney Lt Col  
2<sup>nd</sup> V. State Regimt.*

It appears by the books in this office that John McLancklin [sic] has not received a Certificate for his depreciation as a Soldier in the Continental Line

S/ Jno. Carter Clk.

Auditors Office

27 February 1794

Richmond

Alexander Elam was settled with from the one May 1777 to the one May 1780 the state has not charged depreciation for John McLaughlin.

Mr. Parker

will examine & inform when this man enlisted, for what term & when discharged.

[Several words too faint to discern] Parker Reg. not recorded.

S/ J. Howell